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Rep. Paul Ryan Puts Wisconsin Jobs at Risk with Trans-Pacific Trade Deal

Bill to "Fast-Track" Trans-Pacific Partnership Would Expand Same Broken Trade Model That Cost Over 10,000 Jobs in Rep. Ryan's Congressional District

RACINE— Today, Rep. Cory Mason (D-Racine) joined Sen. Bob Wirth (D-Somers), Sen. Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee), Rep. Chris Sinicki (D-Milwaukee), John Drew of the United Auto Workers, and Melissa Warner of the Sierra Club to urge Congressman Paul Ryan (R-Janesville) to protect Wisconsin workers and their jobs by reversing his position on "fast-tracking" the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The event was held at the former site of the Jacobsen/Textron factory that once employed hundreds of workers whose jobs were lost to free trade agreements.

"In the last twenty years, more than ten thousand jobs have left the district as a result of unfair trade deals that favor corporations over working class people," Rep. Mason said Thursday. "No one representing this Congressional District should vote for another unfair trade deal, let alone take the lead on it."

Congressman Ryan is the lead author of the Fast Track bill, formally known as the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Southeastern Wisconsin's economy has been ravaged by unfair trade agreements which favor and protect multinational corporations over local companies and their workers. In the last twenty years, Trade Adjustment Assistance data indicates the First Congressional District has lost at least 10,094 jobs to trade agreements which incentivize outsourcing American jobs. Fast Track would make the TPP another damaging trade deal that cost Wisconsin workers good paying jobs.

TPA would cede Congress' constitutional authority and give powers to the executive branch during the next three to six years. Fast-tracking the TPP will make it easier for corporations to offshore American jobs, and force American workers to compete with workers globally who make a far lower wage.

"Racine and the rest of the district needs all the help it can get to keep jobs in our communities to give workers a chance at success," said Rep. Mason "If the Congressman cares about the people in his district he will reverse course and protect the workers of southeast Wisconsin and their families."

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